

Serial No. 10/807,006  
Applicant: Robert C. Berfield  
Amendment after Final Rejection filed August 3, 2006  
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REMARKS

Objections to Claims 3, 4, 7, 18 and 21 - Allowable Subject Matter.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 18, and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 is rewritten herein to incorporate all the limitations of claim 3 and intervening claim 2.

Claim 4 is rewritten herein in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

Claim 7 is rewritten herein in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

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Rejection of Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8, 16-17, 19-20, and 22 under  
35 U.S.C. 103 (a).

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8, 16-17, 19-20 and 22 were rejected under  
35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dodd in view of  
Tversen, or further in view of Crouser.

Claims 2 and 17 are canceled herein, rendering the  
rejections moot.

Claims 1 and 16 are rewritten to incorporate allowable  
subject matter and are allowable for the reasons set forth above.

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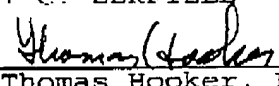
Conclusion

This amendment places all claims in condition for allowance.  
Such favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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